[Mr. Joseph Panjikaran.]

PRESIDENT: I am sorry I was not carefully attending to the question. You may put a question to the Chief Secretary and not to the Chief Engineer.

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): May I know from the Chief Secretary whether there are no other irrigation channels in these taluks?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reports that these are the only irrigation channels in the taluks.

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Are these the only irrigation works in those taluks maintained by the Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, maintained by the P. W. D.

Concessions to War-service Men.

82. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what action has been taken by them on the representation made by a deputation of field service men that waited upon the Dewan during September, 1922, under the headship of Mr. Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The main prayers of the deputation were (1) that heads of departments might be compelled to give effect to the orders of Government *re.* employment of overseas-returned men and (2) that the order cancelling the land grant concessions to recruits might not be allowed to affect those who joined the military service prior to the date of the cancellation.

Out of a total number of 1,702 demobilised men who applied for employment till the end of Vrischikam, 1100, 890 men appear to have been appointed in the State Service. In view of the large number actually employed in spite of reduction in establishments due to retrenchments and of the lack of the required special qualifications in the case of many of the applicants for employment in certain departments, Heads of Departments cannot be held to have ignored the circulars in regard to preferential treatment of overseas-returned men. As regards the land-grant concessions, they were withdrawn in the case of applications received from and after the 17th September, 1920, on the lines of the Government of India Resolution withdrawing such concessions in the case of applications from and after the 3rd August, 1920. In the above circumstances the memorial was recorded.

Circulars re. War-service Men.

83. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of the various circulars

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that were issued by them, from time to time, granting concessions, preferential treatment, etc., to overseas-returned men in the clerical and ministerial ranks of the service?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what steps are being taken by them to see that heads of departments adhere to the terms of those circulars?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Copies † of the circulars issued by the Government in the matter are laid on the table. The member is referred to the answer to question No.74.

(*b*) Government are not aware of any instance of heads of departments having ignored the circulars in regard to preferential treatment of overseas-returned men.

Assessment on Cherikkal Lands.

84. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade* cum *Devicolam*): Were not the rates of tax for the lands comprised in *cherikkal* settlement cases fixed by the settlement officers?

(*b*) Is not the tax assessed for *jenmam cherikkal* lands one-half of the tax fixed for *pandarapattam cherikkal* lands under the *Cherikkal* Settlement Rules?

(*c*) Has not tax at the rate of three fanams per acre, as assessed at the settlement, been realised since 1085 M. E. on lands comprised in Survey Nos. 194-1 C, 196-1 C, 197-1 B, 199-1, 201-1 B, 210-1 and 273-1 B of the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi*?

(*d*) Were not the lands comprised in Survey Nos. 189/1 B, 192/1, 225/1 and 225/2 of the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi* assessed at the settlement and were not rates of tax fixed for them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The tax assessed for *jenmam cherikkals* is one-half of that for *pandaravagai cherikkals*.

(*c*) The rate of tax as per settlement is three fanams per acre for Survey Nos. 196/1 C 197/1 B, 199/1, 201/1 B, and 273/1 B, four fanams per acre for Survey No. 194/1 C, and two fanams per acre for Survey No. 210/1, and tax at these rates was being recovered till 1085. From 1085 the recovery of the tax was held in abeyance pending the decision of the civil suit filed against the Sirkar by the occupants of the lands.

(*d*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Enhancement of Tax on Cherikkal Lands.

85. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade* cum *Devicolam*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that steps are being taken by the revenue authorities to enhance the rates of tax fixed by the settlement authorities for the lands comprised in the survey numbers referred to in question No. 76?

† *Vide* appendix I—pages 731-737.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 83.**

Circulars *re* War-service Men.

I

No. P. 1244.

CIRCULAR.

With a view to improve the prospects of men returning from the war in obtaining employment in the State service, His Highness the Maha Raja has been pleased to sanction the following orders being issued :—

(1) In applying the age-limit prescribed for admission into Government service, Heads of Departments shall exclude from a candidate's age any period during which he was serving in the combatant ranks of the Army.

(2) Men who now enrol as combatants may register their applications for the branch of the Government service to which they would like to be appointed on return.

By Order,
R. MAHADEVA AIYAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 1st June, 1918.

To

(1) All Heads of Departments and Offices.
(2) The District Assistant Recruiting Officer, Travancore.
(3) The Account Officer.
(4) The Gazette.

II

No. P. 1300.

CIRCULAR.

In continuation of the instructions contained in Circular No. P. 1244, dated the 1st June 1918, His Highness the Maha Raja has been pleased to sanction the following orders being issued :—

In making appointments in the State service, Heads of Departments shall give preference to those who have rendered meritorious active service.

By Order,
R. MAHADEVA AIYAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 21st June 1918.

To

1. All Heads of Departments and Offices.
2. The District Assistant Recruiting Officer.
3. The Account Officer.
4. The Gazette.

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III

No. P. 2082.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 26th October, 1918.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Senior Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that a school for training clerks for service overseas in the Military Department is being opened at the new Engineering College Buildings at Guindy. The terms offered are:—

Pay after finishing training at the school, Rs. (54) fifty-four in India and Rs. (81) eighty-one from date of embarkation. Free rations, clothing and quarters.

With a view to enabling men in the Travancore service to take advantage of the offer, Government have been pleased to grant to its servants, who may be willing to join the training school at Guindy, the following concessions similar to those allowed by the Madras Government:—

(1) Men holding acting appointments in Government service who join the school will be permitted to retain a lien on their acting appointments until confirmed in due course.

(2) Men who have served for two years overseas under the scheme will, on return to India, if they apply for a Government post for which they are suitable, be exempted from the rule that they should not be above 25 years of age for admission into service under article 43 of the Travancore Service Regulations.

I request that you will be so good as to inform the men in your Department about the opening of the school at Guindy and the concessions that will be granted to such of them as may be willing to join the training school.

I have etc.,
M. RAJARAJA VARMA,
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.

Similarly to all Heads of Departments.

IV

No. P. 811.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 26th March 1919.

To

The Officer Commanding,
Overseas Training School, Saidapet.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 50/164, dated the 15th January 1919, forwarding a memorial from certain men undergoing training in your school who hold permanent appointments in this State, I have the

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honor to inform you that the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja have been pleased to sanction the men holding permanent appointments in the State who have joined the Overseas Training School, Saidapet, being treated as Officers on Foreign Service and granted the following concessions :—

(1) An officer who belongs to a graded service is allowed the substantive promotion which he would have received had he not been transferred to foreign service.

(2) An officer whose appointment under Government is one on progressive or a time scale of pay counts time spent in foreign service for in crements.

(3) An officer who belongs to a graded service may also be allowed any officiating or temporary promotion which he would have received had he not been transferred.

(4) An officer retains while on foreign service a lien upon a substantive office under Government, and when he reverts to Government service, either temporarily or permanently, he resumes substantively the position in his service or establishment which he held when he was transferred, or to which he may have attained.

2. I shall feel obliged by your kindly intimating the concessions to the memorialists.

I have etc.,
M. KRISHNAN NAIR,
Dewan.

Copy forwarded to all Heads of Departments.

V.

P. 1112.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 2nd June 1919.

To

The Chief Engineer,
Travancore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 584, dated the 11th April 1919, I have the honor to inform you that there is no objection to grant the permanent employees of the State who have joined the Overseas Training School, Saidapet, all the leave they may be eligible for, on the date of relief. Government sanction the grant of such leave as a further concession to these employees.

I have etc.,
R. MAHADEVA AIYAR,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy forwarded to all Heads of Departments.

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VI.

No. P. 1556.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 8th August 1919.

To

The Commandant,
Overseas Training School, Saidapet.

Sir,

With reference to your letters No. 7919/999, dated the 11th and 29th July 1919, in *re.* the appointment of Mr. K. N. Raman Pillai, Higher Grade Clerk, General and Revenue Secretariat, for service overseas, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja have been pleased to sanction the concessions granted to the men holding permanent appointment in the State who have joined the Overseas Training School, Saidapet, being extended to cases like that of Mr. K. N. Raman Pillai, where the recruitment is directly for service overseas. Please inform Mr. Raman Pillai accordingly.

2. The sum of Rs. (126) one hundred and twenty-six received from you was handed over to Mr. Raman Pillai as desired by you.

I have etc.,
M. RAJARAJA VARMA,
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy forwarded to all Heads of Departments.

VII.

No. J. 2455/56 of 14.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 18th March 1920.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Division Assistant in charge,
Trivandrum.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copy of letter No. 212, dated the 2nd March 1920, from the Chairman of the Travancore Soldiers' Committee, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to see that, in filling up vacancies in your Department, preference is given to discharged Indian soldiers.

I have etc.,
N. RAJARAM RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To all Heads of Departments.

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VIII.

No. J. 6484/56 of 14.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 14th July 1920.

To

The Dewan Peishkar,
Trivandrum.

Sir,

In inviting your attention to this office letter No. J. 2455/56 of 14, dated the 18th March 1920, I have the honor to request, at the instance of the "Travancore Soldiers' Committee", that you will be so good as to see that, in filling up vacancies in your Department, preference is given to *demobilised Travancore soldiers.*

I have etc.,
K. NARAYANAN PANDALAI,
For Chief Secretary to Government.

To all Heads of Departments.

IX.

No. J. 9309.

CIRCULAR.

Heads of Departments and Offices are requested to see that, when demobilised soldiers are appointed, information of each such appointment is promptly given to the Travancore Soldiers' Committee.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 1st October 1920.

N. RAJARAM RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

X.

Dis. No. 379 of 1922/Revenue-E.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 15th May 1922.

From

The Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Travancore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letters No. 1556/1162, dated the 13th October 1921, and No. 1709/1162, dated the 9th November 1921, recommending the service overseas of P. J. Kuruvila, Assistant, Pattamuttam Primary School in the Kottayam taluk, being reckoned as service counting for pension and leave. It is observed that G. O. No. 811, dated the 26th March 1919, sanctioning certain concessions to officers who joined the overseas service does not permit their overseas service being counted either for leave or pension. But in the case of certain Gazetted Officers on War duty, Government have

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sanctioned the following among other concessions in G. O. No. P. 1770, dated the 6th October 1915 :—

(*a*) that their service in British India will be allowed to count for civil leave and pension ; and

(*b*) that their service in Europe or overseas will be allowed to count for pension.

Government accordingly sanction the above concessions, granted to Gazetted Officers on War duty, being extended to non-Gazetted officers also as a general measure. Sanction is also accorded to the benefit of the above ruling being allowed to P. J. Kuruvila and his service overseas, amounting to two years, five months and fifteen days, being counted towards pension.

2. This office docket No. P. 844, dated the 31st March 1919, forwarded with your letter No. 1709/162, dated the 9th November 1921, is herewith returned.

I have etc.,
R. KRISHNA PILLAI,
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.

XI.

Dis. No. 2033. Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 21st July 1923.

From
The Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Dewan Peishkar,
Trivandrum.

Sir,

Adverting to this office letter No. 2455/56 of 24/J, dated 18th March 1920, I have the honor to inform you that the concessions referred to therein regarding preferential treatment in the matter of employment to discharged Indian soldiers should hereafter be extended only to such soldiers and military clerks as were actually recruited before the 11th November 1918, *i. e.*, the date of the Armistice.

I have etc.,
T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR,
For Chief Secretary to Government.

To all Heads of Departments.

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XII.

R. Dis. 201/Pol. 23. Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 11-8-1923.

To

The Chief Engineer,
Travancore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1231, dated the 30th June 1922, regarding the concessions granted to Government servants who were on service overseas, I have the honor to inform you that, in the circumstances stated by you, Government cancel their order R. Dis. No. 102 of 22/Pol., dated the 20th May 1922, and extend to the officers who joined the Saidapet Training School the following concessions sanctioned in G. O. Dis. No. 379 of 22/Revenue—E., dated the 15th May 1922, to the non-gazetted officers :—

(1) that their service in British India will be allowed to count for civil leave and pension; and

(2) that their service in Europe or overseas will be allowed to count for pension.

2. The officers who have drawn their leave allowances will retain such allowances, but their service overseas will be held to commence after the expiry of the leave for which the allowance has been drawn.

I have etc.,
R. KRISHNA PILLAI,
Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to all Heads of Departments.

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